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WHAT: Ohio River Pipe Line Permit

Corps of Engineers authorizes Ohio River Pipeline to begin work to correct deficiencies

HUNTINGTON, WV....After working throughout the weekend, representatives of the Corps of Engineers and Ohio River Pipeline (ORPL) agreed on a permit compliance interim action plan that allows Ohio River Pipeline to begin work to correct noncompliance issues associated with the its pipe line project (permit number 199800424-4) The Corps suspended the permit 2 July 2003 due to repeated instances of non-compliance.

The plan allows ORPL to correct existing deficiencies by clean up and repair to construction right-of way. They are also authorized to pad and backfill exposed welded pipe to prevent damage to exposed pipeline. However, no new construction on the pipeline is allowed at this time.

In addition, ORPL must submit to the Corps a comprehensive plan that addresses future compliance requirements. Once the Corps receives and reviews the plan a decision will be made to reinstate, modify or revoke the permit.

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